

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated December 27, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-21 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claims 1, 6, and 13 are hereby amended. Claims 1-21 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,392,620 to Mizutani et al. (hereinafter “Mizutani”).

The rejection of claims 1-21 under U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1-21 are allowable over the cited references in that these claims recite a combination of elements including, for example, “wherein all time intervals between supplying [color] data signals in [the/a] scanning period are substantially equal.” Mizutani does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Mizutani in Figure 3A shows the backlight producing red light then green light and then blue light followed by an off period. In Mizutani the off time is to reduce the affects of color drift and/or image blur due to afterimage affects between color frames. (See Figures 3A, 3B, and 4, and column 4, lines 52-63.) As can be seen from Figures 3A and 3B, the time interval between the color data signals (B and R in Figure 3A and G and B in Figure 3B) is greater during the time BL versus the time interval between the R and G color data signals. Therefore, claims 1-21 are allowable over Mizutani.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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